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**RE:** Application No.: 10/680,923 - Filing Date: October 8, 2003  
Applicant(s): Peter Bongartz et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3679  
Examiner: Gregory J. Binda  
Title: Retainer Ring For Tripod Constant Velocity Joints  
Attorney Docket: 46107-0097  
Reply To Office Action Dated: December 17, 2004

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- 2) Fee Transmittal For FY 2005 (1 page); and
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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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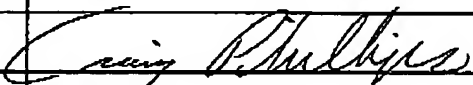
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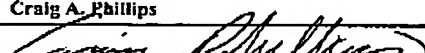
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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004 for which the three-month shortened-statutory period for response is set to expire on March 17, 2005. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** being on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figure is attached following page 15 of this paper.

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